

Langford Village Community Association

Minutes of the Meeting held on Monday 18th October 2021

8pm - Virtual Meeting

Attendees	Carole Hetherington (Chair), Noel Hetherington (Treasurer), Elaine Whittaker, Chris A'Court, Sandra Davies, Lis Penhearow, Christine Fishe		
Apologies			

Agenda Item and Actions	Owner	
Approval of Minutes September 2021: Approved		
Matters arising:		
• T & C revision completed by Treasurer and update uploaded on the website		
 Posters for AGM displayed around Langford, unfortunately some were taken down before the event 		
 Hallmaster have added to the list of future developments to not allowing fallacious characters to be entered on the portal 		
 Casual bookers reminded to post google review 		
 We have approached Bicester Green regarding the planters, Elaine has been to visit and will see examples and report back to the committee at the next meeting 	Elaine	
 Supplier's list not complete move to the next meeting and Sandra to compile a list for review by the committee 	Sandra	
• Thames Water dispute over the pathways, they do not own this therefore the Chairperson will follow up with the council	Chair	
 Bank lights all repaired between old and new Langford 		
• Fit person documentation sent to all committee members and Trustees		
Review AGM - 2021:		
The AGM virtual meeting had approximately 68 attendees including presenters and		
committee members. The meeting was most interesting with constructive discussions.		
The interaction via chat was extremely high compared to meetings we have held in		
the hall. A lot of positive feedback and certainly something to consider doing again next year.		

Treasurer's Update:	
Overall, we are now projecting a deficit of £(10.2)k, which is £6.8k better than budget, and £(0.2)k worse than the prior forecast. The main reason for the month-on-month deterioration is the decision to spend £2.1k on upgrading and cleaning the clock. However, this was largely offset by a £1.4k saving in maintenance, cleaning and utilities, plus a £0.5k increase in hall income.	
We have had two new evening classes start in September, Adult Spanish and Zumba. We also had an afternoon class start, Sing and Sign, with another, Home-Start due to commence in November.	
Energy supplier: Our supplier folded due to the covid situation, and we have been put onto British Gas variable tariff. Once we receive the plan we will review and look at possibly installing smart meters. There is concern regarding a huge hike in energy cost, that our hire fees may need to increase. Agreed to review as normal next April. The added difficulty is we are requesting groups to ventilate the hall, during the cold weather (Covid) which means the heating will be working harder.	Treasurer
Sandra agreed to regularly wash tea towels from the hall, committee agreed to reimburse for detergent.	Sandra
Hall Maintenance and Improvements:	
The clock tower has been professionally cleaned and the new automatically adjust clock mechanism is installed and working. There is some outstanding cleaning of the rear side of the clock and Chris will liaise and organise the parking area clearance.	Chris
The Hive control continues to work well, will need to continue to carefully control the heating for bookings to ensure we are not unnecessarily maintaining the default 19-degree setting. Sandra to be added to the Hive control list to ensure we are as accurate as possible with the heating control particularly at weekends	
Doors being delivered Thursday 21 st , and installation will be during half term week. Th hall will be closed for several days that week to allow the work to take place uninterrupted.	
Some chairs/table stacks may need to be in the lobby from 21 st to 24 ^{th.} Affected hall users to be notified.	Chair
Communication and Marketing:	
A busy month, dominated of course by the AGM. The total number of people who registered for a virtual ticket to attend was 80. This can be seen as a success and	

meant we avoided the necessity to pay extra fees needed for higher than 100	
attendee meetings. A recording of the AGM is presently available via our website.	
Matters covered on our pages and website this month have included the cleaned clock tower, electric blanket safety campaign, opening of the new footbridge on Jarvis Lane and the planning approval for Alexandra House of Joy (which gained a particularly large and positive response).	
Community Issues: Gavray Drive Development	
Plans have now been submitted and are being verified before being put up on the planning register. On going issues are the management of the wildlife site, which hopefully will be resolved soon.	
Emergency Flood plans for Langford and Bicester, the chairperson has requested a meeting with Dan Sames to discuss.	
Elaine to send round communication/plans on 20-mile speed limit in Oxfordshire. Suggestion we have the speed information signs around Bicester but not sure how to action.	Elaine
AOB: No other business.	

Next Meeting:

15th November 21